

Hoyas Over Tough Court Hurdle, G. W. Faces One in Mountaineers Tonight

The SPORTLIGHT

Pro Explains Why Few Linksmen Improve

By GRANTLAND RICE,
Special Correspondent of The Star.

BARTOW, Ga., Feb. 13 (N.A.A.A.)—Before coming to this Georgia capital of peace and rest and quail, of bird dogs and stubble, of sunrise on the dew and sunset on the pines—we were talking with Lou Scott of Lakeside, Calif., about the melancholy fate of the duffer, or the average player, in golf. Lou Scott is one of our ablest instructors—on the simpler, not the complex side.

"Why is it," I asked him, "that so few golfers ever improve? Year after year, they remain about the same. They either don't change, or they get worse."

"It all gets back to a lack of the simpler fundamentals," Lou said. "Their main faults are lack of foot action, of correct balance, and of correct body action. This is why so many have dead hands or dead wrists. They either keep too much weight on the left leg through the backswing or they sway too far to the right with the upper part of the body. This means they are all badly unbalanced when they reach the top of the backswing, and so have neither power nor control left. Their hands then haven't a chance to work."

"This is why the P. G. A. has started working on standard instruction, to teach fundamentals first—I mean the fundamentals every golfer needs—the fundamentals every golfer needs. These fundamentals must include foot action, weight distribution and body action, which largely are blended together."

Courses Made Too Difficult For Average Performer
There is another angle that should be considered in the average golfer's behalf.

"This is the trapping and the length of too many courses. There are entirely too many traps the crack player never sees—traps that wreck the shorter hitter.
Traps that are 140 or 160 yards from the tee mean nothing to the stars. But they are loaded with bushmaster poison for 90 per cent of those who play and pay. These hazards have no business on a golf course. They merely add to the woes of those who already are suffering quite enough."

Then there is the matter of length. Consider a hole around 450 yards. It makes a fine two-shotter for the better player. It is useless to the average player. The best shots can't reach the green in two. But he can half miss his drive, half miss his second and still arrive in three. In other words, he gets little reward for his two best shots, something that kills off his interest in advance.

Should Have Separate Tees For Run of Mine Players
What can be done about this—to give the average player his thrill and his chance also?

There should be advanced tees, known as the Regular Course. They should be marked: Let the longer hitters move back to the back tees, called the Championship Course.

A good 2-shot hole for the average golfer, playing between 85 and 95, rarely should be over 400 yards. In the course of the last few months I have played a great deal with golfers who score between 82 and 92. On many well-known courses I have counted up as many as eight par 4 holes they couldn't reach in their best two shots. This meant monotony—a steady flow of 58.

There are almost no drive and pitch holes on most of these courses—or holes that can be reached with some brand of iron play.

The best example of this better type of layout that answers the question both ways are the National at Southampton and the Garden City Club, both on Long Island. They give the average player his chance. Yet the competitive record at the National is 72, and at Garden City it is 71.

Too Much Length Drives Thousands From Game

Take the National layout—First hole—320 yards. Second hole—285 yards. Fourth hole—170 yards. Sixth hole—145 yards. In other words, it is possible for the average player to reach most of the holes at the National in par.

The same is true of Garden City. One of the oldest of the best courses in the country—a course that has stood the test of 40 years.

Here are the approximate lengths at Garden City: First hole—350 yards. Second hole—130 yards. Third hole—360 yards. Fifth hole—340 yards. Ninth hole—345 yards. Yet the medal record is 71, made by Chick Evans in 1912, as far as I can recall the details.

The National and Garden City are the types of courses that keep the cracks in check, and yet give the duffer or the average golfer his chance to reach the green in par. Most of the others don't. And I happen to know this over-length feature has driven thousands of golfers from golf.

There is nothing more monotonous than to know in advance your two best shots won't reach the green, but that three poorly hit shots will. We have argued this matter until we are blue around the gills, without making any headway. It still is a vital problem.

Hoyas' Lio to Receive Greenbelt Trophy

Augie Lio, all-America guard at Georgetown, will receive the Greenbelt Athletic Club award on Saturday night at the club's annual banquet. The award goes annually to an outstanding athlete in Washington or vicinity.

Coach Jack Hagerty of the Hoyas football team will be principal speaker at the affair, held at the Greenbelt gym. Other invited guests are Bucky Harris, Jack Mackey, Tom Edwards, Bill Young, Mack Ponsack, Whitey Wilson, Nat Frankel, Moie Dublier, Elmer Ripley, Irving Rizzel, Bill Reinhardt, Joe Comer, Dorsey Griffith, Bozie Beer, Dick Tenneyson and Tuffy Leemane.

Sports Program For Local Fans

TODAY.

Basket Ball.
West Virginia vs. George Washington, Riverside Stadium, 8:30.
Alumni at Wilson Teachers, 8:15.
St. John's at Montgomery Blair, 8:00.
Devitt at Wilson, 3:30.

Handball.
District A. A. U. championships, Y. M. C. A., 8:00.

Swimming.
Red Cross water carnival, Shoreham pool, 8:30.

Westminster.
Weekly program of five matches, Turner's Arena, 8:30.

TOMORROW.

Basket Ball.

William and Mary vs. Maryland College Park, 8:15.

Wyoming at Gallaudet, 8:00.

Eastern vs. Western, Central vs. Tech (series double-header), Tech gym, 7:30.

St. John's at Roosevelt, 3:30.

Gonzaga at Anacostia, 3:30.

Georgetown Prep vs. Woodward, Y. M. C. A. gym, 3:30.

St. Albans at Fairfax (Va.), 2:30.

Coolidge at Bethesda-Chevy Chase, 8:00.

George Washington High vs. Hopewell, Hopewell, Va.

Washington-Lee vs. Thomas Jefferson, Richmond.

Friends vs. Wilson lightweights, Wilson, 3:30. G. U. Frosh vs. Maryland Frosh, College Park, 3:30.

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Handicapped Terps Held to Draw by Terror Boxers

Pyles Missed, Holbrook Blows Opportunity by Hitting Below Belt

Special Dispatch to The Star.

WESTMINSTER, Md., Feb. 13.—A couple of unintentional low blows by Bill Holbrook, southpaw 135-pounder, and the absence of George Pyles, regular 165-pounder, put Maryland's boxing team at a disadvantage here yesterday when Terps were held to a 4-4 tie by Western Maryland.

Holbrook was disqualified in his bout with Schubert after three punches landed in foul territory. The Old Liner had instructions to concentrate his fire in the mid-section but landed too low to suit the referee.

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Garden Tournament Is G. U.'s Ambition After 14th Win

Quinter's Play Is Keen In Defeating Temple; 1942 Outlook Rosy

It has been a good season for Elmer Ripley and his Georgetown sharpshooters. Last night's 57-49 triumph over Temple was their 14th victory, and, come 5 p.m. in the remaining games with Penn State, Scranton, Fordham and George Washington, it must be put down as one of the brightest chapters in Hoyas court annals.

The Hoyas won't have a chance to square accounts with Loyola of Baltimore and Syracuse, the only teams to top them, but they'll be gunning for 'em next season. And 1942 should find another high-powered outfit operating at Georgetown. Ripley loses only Irving Rizzel and George Pakaj. He could make good use of their talents, but will be able to worry along with Buddy O'Grady, Bill Bornheimer, Charley Schmidt, Jim Geibel, Jim Kiernan and the rest of his star-studded cast.

Looks to Garden Series.
He's mighty thankful graduation casualties won't be more serious, too, for Gabbanelli is the only freshman coming up who seems ready for varsity competition. There may be one or two surprises, of course. Some unknown may blossom into a full-fledged big-time overnight, but the Garden series, for it is that, is a possibility, at least not winning teams. There are no scholarship men on this current freshman squad and it makes a big difference in the brand of play they manufacture.

But Rip isn't worrying about next year. He's got his mind on the four remaining games and a possible bid to the Madison Square Garden tournament at New York. He may get it if the boys can maintain the pace they set last night in chalking up their second win over Temple this season, for it was their best all-around exhibition.

Many Hoyas Sparkle.
Jim Geibel played the best game of his career before leaving near the end with a pulled leg muscle. Buddy O'Grady's floor generalship was superb. Rizzel snarped up loose Temple passes and sharp shots like an outfielder. Charley Schmidt came through with another sensational mess of pot shots and Bornheimer sparkled under the basket. Bill couldn't hit the backboard in the first half and couldn't miss in the second.

Temple's Angelo Must shared his court honors with honors, but the Hoyas kept his mates bottled up pretty well throughout and Any couldn't swing the tide of battle alone. The score at the half was 28-27, Georgetown, and the Hoyas held the upper hand throughout the 2 to 4-4 tie by Western Maryland.

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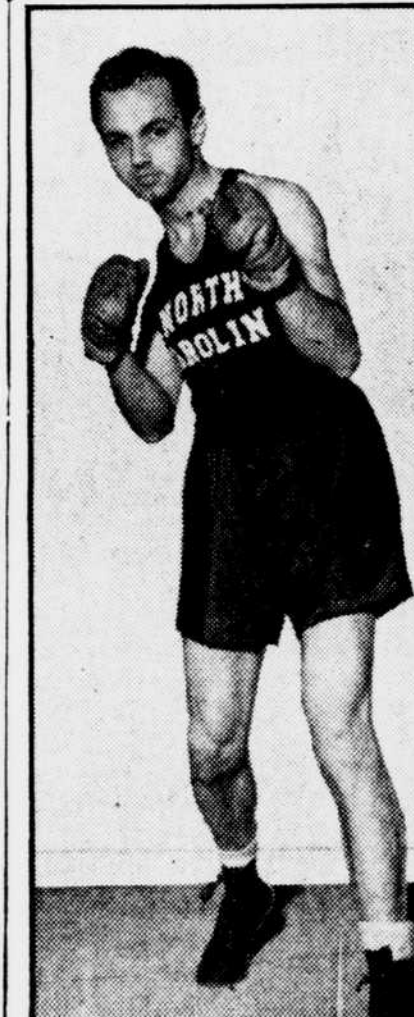
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TOUGH FOR TERPS—This trio (left to right), Bob Faris, Eldon Sanders and Gates Kimball, are aces of the North Carolina boxing team that will battle Maryland at College Park Saturday night in the final of a twin bill.

Connecticut and Maryland basketball teams will start the fun at 7:30, and a colorful all-university night program also will be presented before the fistfighting. Faris, 145, and Sanders, 165, are Southern Conference champs, although the former won his title in the 155-pound class. Kimball is a 195-pound football tackle-heavyweight, has never lost a bout in a dual meet.

North Carolina Squad Picked to Outpunch Maryland in Ring

Invaders Flash Wallop In Their Upset Win Over Penn State

Fresh from a 4-1-3 upset victory over Penn State, North Carolina's ringmen will be the favorites when they climb through the ropes to battle Maryland Saturday night in the closing feature of the star-spangled "All University Night" program.

The Tarheels have a nicely balanced team of four veterans and as many rookies, and the apprentice leather pushers seem to have the makings of top-notch battlers. Speedy little Robert Walston, 120-pounder, was particularly impressive in winning over Vic Flore of Penn State in his debut last week. Another outstanding youngster is 135-pound Milton Harris, whose record does not indicate his true value.

Harris Two-Handed Hitter.
Harris is as green as grass, but his hard with either hand. He got a draw with Alexson of Virginia Tech, then lost to Don Webster of Virginia and O'Brien of Navy.

Co-Captains Andy Gennett, 127 pounds, and Eldon (Red) Sanders, 165 pounds, are regarded as two of the best at their weight in the Southern Conference. Gennett was undefeated in dual meets last year and reached the conference tournament final. He started off in the 135-pound bracket this season, but dropped down to 127 after bowing to Andrews of Virginia and has been winning since.

Sanders is king of the conference 165-pounders and apparently intends to retain the title this year. He whipped Somerville of Virginia, Smile of Virginia Tech and Cohen of Penn State. In between he dropped a close decision to Peterson of Navy.

Kimball Is Tarheel Ace.
Carolina's heavyweight, Gates Kimball, is one of the best young collegians in the game. Serving his second year as a regular he never has been defeated in a dual meet, although held to a draw by Navy's Jack Henry. A picture boxer and hard, short puncher, he has three victories to his credit this season.

Others who will face the Terps are Jack Jones, 135 or 145 pounds; Bob Faris, 145, and Morris Moskow, 155.

North Carolina defeated Virginia earlier in the season and was beaten by Virginia Tech and Navy.

Basket Ball Games

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Michigan State, 35; Michigan, 32.

Penn State, 32; Carnegie Tech, 28.

Southern Methodist, 43; Texas A&M, 37.

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